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Applicant: Yasushi USAMI
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Title : IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE AND COMPUTER PROGRAM
PRODUCT THEREFOR

Art Unit: 2622
Examiner:

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to his duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicant requests that the references cited on attached form PTO-1449 (a copy of which is enclosed) be considered by the Examiner in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 CFR 1.104.

Enclosed are three Japanese references that were cited and discussed in the Notice of Reasons for Rejections mailed on December 27, 2005, from the Japan Patent Office in the priority application. The relevance of these references can be seen from the Notice of Reasons for Rejections. The English abstracts of these references are also enclosed.

Please note that the English language translations of the two Japanese Patent Application Publications are also enclosed. Please also note that these English translations are machine translations provided by the Japan Patent Office and the Japan Patent Office states that the translations may not precisely reflect the original Japanese text.

Please also note that enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,295,117 which is the English language counterpart for Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-305341.

This Statement is being filed under 37 CFR 1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.


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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached at the telephone number listed below. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address below.

Respectfully submitted,

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